

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA**

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FOREIGN PILOTS
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Directorate General of Civil Aviation proposes to phase out foreign pilots;
- (b) if so, the details and the present status thereof along with its likely effects on the safety of air passengers; and
- (c) the steps taken or being taken by DGCA to ensure safety of air passengers?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) Foreign Aircrew Temporary Authorization (FATA) has been reviewed by Ministry of Civil Aviation. The Government has restricted the issue of FATA up to 31st December, 2016 on case to case basis.

(b) to (c) The details of foreign pilots employed by various aviation companies as on 30th September, 2014 is annexed.

Foreign Pilots are employed by the airline operators after validation of their foreign licenses by DGCA under Rule 45 of Aircraft Rules, 1937 and procedure laid down in Civil Aviation Requirements Section-7, Flight Crew Standards, Series fG Part-II dated 01st December, 2010. The compliance of CAR ensures that FATA pilots are issued with temporary authorisation on the basis of adequate flying experience and currency of their foreign pilot licences. The services of FATA pilots are utilised by the Indian operators after ascertaining their proficiency and skills on the type of the aircraft to be operated by these pilots.